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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

The reply filed on August 11, 2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

Applicant has cancelled claims 1 and 11, in particular, and added new claims 21 and 23 to replace former claims 1 and 11. Original claims 1 and 11 were drawn to “derivatizing collagen with a functional group” (see step 1 of 2 of either claim 1 or 11). New claims 21 and 23 are drawn to (see step 1 of 2) “adding a first collagen portion to a second collagen portion to obtain a mixture including said first and second collagen portions”. Thus, the added claims are no longer even drawn to “derivatizing collagen with a functional group”, but broadly adding any collagen to another collagen, whether derivatized or not. Therefore, Applicant has changed the subject matter of the invention and the response is held to be inadvertently non-responsive.

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Conclusion

No claims are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Maury Audet whose telephone number is 703-305-5039. The examiner can normally be reached from 7:00 AM – 5:30 PM, off Fridays.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brenda Brumback can be reached at 703-306-3220. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-308-4242 for regular communications and 703-308-1234 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-1235.

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November 12, 2003

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Meller', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**MICHAEL MELLER
PRIMARY EXAMINER**